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EDITORIAL SECTION

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PART TWO

SECOND WARDERS DEMAND THAT ALDERMAN SKINNER RESIGN; MEET DIGNIFIED REFUSAL

Voters who Led in Support of Mayor Boatright in Spring Campaign Allege Councilman has Failed to Carry Out Campaign Promises and Demand Right to Elect a Representative who will be in Sympathy with Their Program.

POLITICIANS SCOLD NEWSPAPERS FOR CRITICIZING BOATRIGHT ADMINISTRATION

Minister Says Real Aim of the Reformers and Boatright Leaders is to Inaugurate Prohibition Campaign Which He Declares will be Main Issue Before People in the Immediate Future. Chadwick, Republican Leader, Makes Threat to Land Alderman's Scalp.

Alderman J. A. Skinner said today that he had no intention of resigning. He gave out no other statement.

Charles Chadwick, secretary of the Republican county committee and one of the leaders of the Boatright campaign, said: "If Skinner doesn't resign as a result of the resolution passed last night, we'll hold a real mass meeting at the opera house. We'll make him resign. I'll bet a hat Skinner resigns before we're through with him."

Chadwick, as has been indicated, is a perennially active Republican politician. Alderman Skinner is a Democrat.

Chadwick and other shining lights of the Boatright administration at the meeting last night insisted that the influence behind the unnamed "neighborhood improvement association" were quite "non-political."

Councilman J. A. Skinner, of the second ward, who recently denounced Mayor Boatright for attempting to prevent the majority in the city council from carrying out its policies, was himself attacked at a meeting of citizens in the second ward school last night for not supporting the mayor in his policies. Mr. Skinner was charged with breaking his anti-election pledge of two years ago and denounced for not supporting the mayor in his effort to have a red light ordinance passed, and a resolution was passed calling on the alderman to resign. The resolution is as follows: "Resolved, That we, the citizens and voters of the second ward of the city of Albuquerque, without regard to party, in mass meeting assembled, disapprove and denounce the conduct of our representative in the city council, Alderman J. A. Skinner.

"As a candidate for that office he solicited and received our votes on a pledge that the ordinances against vice would not be revoked or changed unless first submitted to a vote of the people.

"Elected on that pledge, he has since continuously violated it in both letter and spirit. He has regularly

allied himself and voted with the friends of protected vice on the council and assisted them to repeal all existing ordinances against it and to block every effort to abolish or restrain it. He has violated the confidence and forfeited the trust reposed in him by the citizens of this ward, and should no longer assume to speak for them.

"Therefore, be it further resolved, That Alderman Skinner should resign his office so that the voters of this ward may be permitted to express at the polls their preference on the question of civic decency when they choose his successor."

Clyde Tingley and former Councilman Charles Conroy were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Skinner today and lay the demand for his resignation before him.

The meeting was attended by considerably more than 100 men and several women. Harold Pierce, the chairman, said he counted 128 in attendance.

The meeting was strongly pro-Boatright, and the same elements that conducted the fight against the Democratic ticket at the recent city election, a mixture of Republicans

and bolting Democrats, were in the saddle. Charles Chadwick and John W. Wilson, regarded as the strategists of the Peanut Brigade of the Boatright forces, were there, so were Louis McRae, the real strategist of the anti-Sellers Democrats; Rev. Harmon P. Williams and Francis E. Wood. The latter two are not residents of the second ward. They came over from the first to denounce Mr. Skinner and scold the newspapers for not helping carry out the Republican platform.

When the meeting got under way the evidence of adroit stage-managing were much in evidence, but everybody questioned professed profound ignorance as to the real authors of the rally. Clyde Tingley signed the call, but he said the day after it appeared that it was to be a meeting for the discussion of neighborhood affairs only, and that the red light issue would be strictly barred. Somebody saw Mr. Tingley after that and the next day he announced that the red light ordinance would be brought up.

It was, it was about the only thing that was considered. There was some reference to street work in the ward at the start, but after Francis E. Wood got under way streets were sidetracked and the meeting went off in full cry after Mr. Skinner and the newspapers.

H. S. Lithgow fired the opening shot for the administration. He said the newspapers were rendering efforts at reform futile by ridiculing the mayor. All over the state, he said, people had noted that the mayor or was being treated as a joke, and Mr. Lithgow said the people would have to get after the papers and make them change front. If it was hoped to accomplish anything, Presure, Mr. Lithgow said, must be brought on the papers.

Mr. Wood was bitter against the newspapers. Both papers, he said, were doing all in their power to discredit the mayor and discredit the vote of the second warders at the last election by sneering at the mayor and his efforts to carry out "not his wishes, but your wishes."

"The Herald," said Mr. Wood, "has some possible excuse for taking a stand in opposition, but as for the other people, you know them."

He paused and got the expected applause. "You have two newspapers, neither of which tell the truth about the city government. The newspapers are trying to upset the will you expressed at the last election."

Mr. Wood then turned his attention to Mr. Skinner. Councilman Gibson, elected by the ward at the last election, was all right, Mr. Wood said, but Mr. Skinner had disregarded his anti-election pledge and by his vote in secret session had helped reopen the red light district. For Councilmen Huss and Granfeldt, elected on platforms opposed to the reform program, there was some excuse for going counter to the mayor, but for Mr. Skinner there was none.

"Skinner violated his pledge," said Mr. Wood. "Skinner voted to table the red light ordinance, leaving nothing on the books making prostitution unlawful. He should resign, and let you vote a successor. This is not a political question—there is no politics in it. Don't be deceived by lies that have appeared and will appear in the public press."

Rev. Mr. Williams spoke in similar strain on the red light issue. He reviewed council's dealings with the question, and insisted that the mayor's red light ordinance was needed to attack the social evil as promised in the platform. He didn't think Mr. Skinner started out to be a tool of the special interests of the fourth ward, but that, like some others who had gone into politics, his backbone had become a string, and his resignation was in order.

Complaint that the reformers had no organ led to the suggestion that the Door-Knocker be enlarged or that a monthly paper be issued. Subscriptions were called for and a list was started.

Rev. C. O. Beckman warned the reform element that they could expect no help from the local newspapers. The Journal had been here a long time, he said, and everybody knew what to expect of it, and from what he had learned of the newspaper past of the new owners of The Herald Mr. Beckman felt sure the reformers needn't expect any comfort from their paper. Mr. Beckman made some further wild statements with regard to The Herald.

Mr. Beckman said today that the present movement was preliminary to a prohibition campaign, and he felt that it behooved his associates to get an organ. Prohibition might not be the issue this fall, Mr. Beckman said, but it certainly would within two years.

Before the resolution was passed last night former Councilman Charles Conroy and Clyde Tingley went to Mr. Skinner's house to ask him to attend the meeting. They reported that Mr. Skinner was ill on their return. Cheers greeted the news, but they were quickly stifled when Mr. Beckman said that Mr. Skinner was in reality a sick man, although he had known him to use his illness as a convenience on a somewhat similar occasion.

Chairman Wilson, of the Republican city committee, was one of those who spoke on the resolution. He said in effect that it seemed plain to him that Mr. Skinner ought to turn right about and support the Republican platform or resign.

Louis McRae was called upon several times, but declined to speak. So did Alvaro Montoya. J. R. Elder, Mrs. Harold Pierce, Mr. Roddy and the chairman were among those who spoke. Mayor Boatright and Councilman Gibson were present, but neither spoke.

THE WORM IN YOUR MOUTH IS OF THE GENUS BRACHYS

Tenacious Animal Which Dangles from the Cottonwoods is a Coleopterous Leaf Miner and Dislikes Smoke

As you walk beneath the branches of the mighty cottonwoods and brush the dangling worm from before your eyes or draw him forcefully from your mouth, do not become profane; look on the worm rather with respect. He is a coleopterous leaf miner, of the genus Brachys, and he dislikes smoke, which if supplied to him in sufficient quantities will cause him to desert the cottonwood and take to the hills where the scrub oak grows.

This, in a general way, is the substance of information conveyed by the department of agriculture at Washington to parties making inquiry as to the best means if any of exterminating the animal which we know locally as the cottonwood worm. The letter of the department follows:

"United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology, Washington, D. C. July 11, 1914. Dear Sir:—Your letter of July 2 addressed to the honorable secretary of agriculture, together with specimens under separate cover, came duly to hand. The leaves from your mountain cottonwood trees are apparently affected by a coleopterous leaf miner belonging to the genus Brachys. I have never known of such an attack proving seriously injurious to a tree of this nature, although it at times becomes quite disfiguring. I should suggest the collection and destruction by burning of the injured leaves as a remedy. The larvae of this beetle usually attack oak and are not ordinarily injurious to poplar and cottonwood. Yours truly,

"F. H. CRITTENDEN. "In charge truck crop and stored product insect investigations."

From the above it is plain that all we have to do is to gather up all the cottonwood leaves, save them carefully until dry and then burn them beneath the noses of the worms. It is a swell scheme and one likely to be widely adopted. It has been suggested that Mayor Boatright's alley cleaning campaign might aid in the campaign against the worms; for, although the department expert does not say so, it is presumed the smoke from burning rags, old shoes and wet waste paper would be quite as effective as that from cottonwood leaves. The trash collected in the alleys might be piled beneath the cottonwoods, fired and permitted to smoke indefinitely, or until the wormy period is past. It has been suggested also that there are certain brands of cigars, which if smoked vigorously enough beneath the shade of the cottonwood, might prove effective against the worm. A smoker's brigade may be organized.

THE ECONOMIST IS TO SERVE ICE CREAM FREE ALL DAY NEXT MONDAY

The Economist today announces an unusual feature for Monday of next week. Ice cream made by the Grimschaw Chocolate Shop will be served during morning and afternoon hours to all who call at the Economist store, whether they are purchasers or not. Arrangements have been made to serve an enormous crowd and the best quality of cream that the new confectioners can put out will be served.

The Economist is also announcing some remarkable bargains for next Monday. Through a full page advertisement in the Herald this afternoon the Economist invites the public to visit their store on Monday and partake of the free ice cream.

(Advertisement.)

Lincoln County Republican Leader Announces for Baca for Nomination for Congress

Following is a copy of a letter addressed to W. H. Andrews by Clement Hightower, one of the veteran leaders of the Republican party in Lincoln county:

CLEMENT HIGHTOWER
United States Commissioner
Real Estate—Surveying
Hondo, New Mexico,
July 13, 1914.

Hon. W. H. Andrews,
Albuquerque, N. M.
Dear Mr. Andrews:
Some time ago I received a letter from you soliciting my support in your behalf as a candidate for Representative in Congress at the coming convention.

I am sorry that I cannot comply with your wishes in this respect at this time. This is a position long and earnestly desired by the Mexican element of our citizens, and I feel that it is due them to comply with their wishes. They have been the mainstay of the Republican party in New Mexico—no candidate in the past has been able to succeed without their support, and none in the near future can hope for success without it—and I am disposed to help them attain their wish.

Eligio Baca of Albuquerque will have my support in the convention should I go as a delegate from this county, and if he secures the nomination he will have my hearty support in the campaign.

I think that it is proper that you should know where I stand in this matter, therefore I advise you, that no misunderstanding can arise.

Personally I beg to re-assure you of my high appreciation. Very respectfully,
(Signed) CLEMENT HIGHTOWER.

ADLER'S ARTISTIC TRIUMPH

By Burnham Phillips.



Mr. Jacob Adler in a Scene from "MICHAEL STROGOFF"

There is a grim reality in Jacob Adler's production of "Michael Strogoff" which is not shaken off as the last reel is finished, but remains fixed in one's memory long after we've turned the latchkey and blown out the light.

We need not depend upon the actors to picture to us the reality of the treatment of the Jew in Russia. All we have to do is watch the horror depicted on the faces of the audience and we will understand. There is something in the face of each which convinces us that the story, as unrolled on the screen, is but one of the many tragedies which the Jew has been compelled to enact for the benefit of the Cossack, the Secret Police and the Czar.

It was all interesting, from the moment Strogoff met Nadia Federova, the beautiful young girl, who was going to join her father, who was a political exile at Irkutsk (which was played with true simplicity by that charming actress, Orni Hawley), until, when, at the close of the fifth reel, the dauntless courier to the Czar was rewarded by the Cross of St. George, a decoration from his Emperor.

An Adler production is not complete without thrilling dramatic situations and climaxes, and in "Michael Strogoff" he has given all that the most romantic heart could desire. It is not overdrawn, but is a picture of one of the many episodes in the life of the average subject of the Czar. One of the most striking scenes in the play is the burning of the oil-covered river, which is one of those perfect bits of stage-craft which cause us to grip the arms of our seats and lean forward.

I understand that this is Mr. Adler's initial bow to Screenland, and if he continues to uphold the standard he has set in this production for perfect portrayal of that country of which the average American has such a distorted knowledge, we will await with interest his next silent bow to the lovers of the screen.

The piece, which is in five parts, is the first big feature of the Popular Plays and Players, and they deserve commendation for the excellent production they have moulded out of the theme. Though infantile in age, they have shown us they have a staff of producers who are proficient in the big effects, and we hope to be as pleasantly surprised in their next effort.